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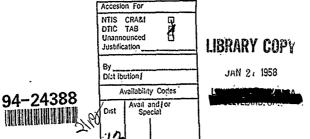
CUDY 1

DTD. 166 - TYPE AUSTENITIC CHROMIUM - NICKEL STEEL SHEET:

A SUMMARY OF PROPERTIES



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OO. INTRODUCTION

This report summarises the properties of the stabilised 18% chromium/ 8%.nickel stainless steel sheet materials chosen by Bristols for structural applications. The major characteristics influencing this selection were the weldability (in particular to FV.448, a 12% chromium type steel) and the high strength.

The material is basically Firth-Vickers steel FDP (which conforms to specification DTD.166, recently superseded by S.520) modified by various special Bristol requirements. The factors which have led to the formulation of these special requirements are outlined herein.

Messrs. Fairey Aviation Co. Ltd. have also chosen this material for structural applications and, with their agreement, this report has been extended to include comments on their experience.

Note: All results quoted in this report have been obtained using material supplied by Firth-Vickers (Stainless Steel) Ltd. Figures 1-11 are based on results obtained by Bristols (or supplied to them by Firth-Vickers) and Figure 12 is based on results obtained by Faireys.

01. CHENICAL COMPOSITION

The material is of the 18% chrcmium 8% nickel stabilised austenitic type. The specified che, ical composition is given in Table 1 attached, together with those for the now obsolete DTD.166 and for S.520 (the nearest equivalents in national specifications).

O2. GRADES USED

02.01 By Bristol Aircraft Ltd.

Bristol specifications have been prepared for 4 grades of DTD.166-type material, as follows:-

Application	Specification	Min. Spec. Properties			Comments	
Application	No.	Ec	ŧ ₁	ft	е	
Purchase from Firth-Vickers	BAC. A. 1038	-	42	58-68	15	Requires conver- sion by User to 1021, 22 or 61
Aircraft use	BAC, A. 1021 BAC, A. 1061	27.0 -	48 45	64 60	6 6)Properties after heat)treatment by)User
Non-aircraft use (e.g. models)	BAC.A.1022	-	42	56	15	Does not require heat treatment
DTD.166 and S.520	(ref. only)	-	40-50	52-70	15	Not used

Thus BAC.A.1021 covers the high grade aircraft material, and BAC.A.1061 the material for use where modulus is less critical. The special requirements in these BAC.A. specifications are summarised in Table 2 attached.

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An important feature to be noted is that many of the special requirements cannot be checked by the material supplier, but only by the user (c.g. puddle-widability; compression meanlus). The user, therefore, is driven to creating an internal encoking and re-identification procedure not encountered with most other saterials.

.02.02, By Pairey Aviation Co. Ltd.

A Fairey specification (FSIs. 183) has been prepared to cover "Righer Property Level Macerial", with the Collowing properties:-

t. : 60 tons/in2 min.

f. : 65 tons/in2 min.

é : 5% min.

these higher properties are obtained on suring-rolled material by cold work. This specification covers both purchase and use. Mechanical properties are checked by longitudinal testing; there is no modulus testing, modulus recovery treatment or demonstration of weldability.

DTD://d6 material without special strength requirements is also used by Paircys; end is called "Lover Property Level Material".

Note: It is considered by both Bristols and Paireys that it is not desirable to use the DTD 165/3.720 specifications without additional controls as material to these 'national' specifications can show large variations in properties.

03. METHOD OF MANUFACTURE

DTD.165 specification permits manufacture either by single-sheetrolling or by continuous strip-rolling; the relative advantages of these two processes are as follows:

Strip-rolling compare	d with sheet-rolling				
Advantages	Disadvantages				
1. Higher strength attaliable (at corresponding loss of elongation) 2. No length limitation for sheet midths in to 40" (or up to 36" with ledge triming to achieve tighter thickness tolerances). 3. Closer thickness tolerances attainable.	4: Large minimum quantity (9000 lb. normally; 5000-7000 lb. specially); honce strip-rolled material for test purposes not available unless this quantity is being produced for other applications. 2. The stress-strain curve is always very flat, and stretch founing therefore impossible.				
4. Flatness standard probably superior.	3. Oxidation of outcropping titanium stringers gives longitudinal defects instead of curved shell mark defects; this would not be relevant if nichtum were used instead of titanium for stabilisation.				

04. THICKNESS FOLERANCES

As a given excess thickness an steel gives three times the excess weight of that in aluminium alloy, close thickness control is very desirable.

For strip-rolled BAC.A. 1038, edge trumming (2" each side) enables a much more uniform sheet to be used. Reans and 90% probability ranges (applicable as thickness distributions were generally Gaussian) are shown in Figure 1 for about 2500 results covering 5 thicknesses, and it can be gen that the desired range after trimming is not unrealistic if small percentages outside can be accepted.

05: JECHANICAL PROPERTIES "AS-DELIVERED"

(a) Strengths Achieved

The strength achieved is primarily a function of the amount of cold work during rolling, although it can also be affected by variations in chemical composition within the specified range. The relation between ti, ft and exist given in Figure 3; the wider scatter in sheet-rolled materials is probably associated with:

- (i) The variation in the forms of stress-strain curves obtainable from sheet-rolled material (see Figure 2), and
- (ii) the wider range of delivery dates for the sheet-rolled material actually tested, and the expectation therefore of greater variations in chemical corposition between different specimens.

(b) Directional Variations

As DTD.166-type materials are coldeworked, it would be expected that there would be some directional variation of properties. As can be seen frod Figure 4, this variation does occur (particularly with strip-rolled material), being most marked in E, E_C and c₁ and less marked in t₁ and of. It is important to note that, contrary to aluminium altoys, it is the longitudinal direction which is the weaker (hence the need for longitudinal testing).

(c) Compression/Tension Relationship

From Figure 5 it can be seen that longitudinally of is markedly lower than t, although Ec and E are similar (transversely, tension and compression properties are similar).

(d) Effects of Cold Hork

Freliminary tests on sheet-rolled material show that transverse E drops to the level of longitudinal E with 1% prestrain or more (less than 1% might be sufficient), with a corresponding increase in t₁; they also show that longitudinal c₁ drops by some 30% with 2% prestrain or more. These tests were regarded as showing a considerable Bauschinger effect, and the need to include forming effects when considering design strengths.

(e) Effects of Straining Rate

It has been shown that variation of straining rate within the range likely to be encountered in normal laboratory work does not affect test results.

(f) Properties at Blevated Temperature

Test data are inadequate at present, but drops at 200% of 15-20% in t and re have been obtained; drops in 3 are not yet well established due to testing difficulties) but are probably less than in strength.

Reating at 2000 for up to 10 hours gave an increase in to but no change in other room temperature ('recovery') properties.

(g). Bearing/Tension Relationship

There is some evidence to suggest that the proof bearing stress of DD, 160-cype materials as about 1.8, times the proof tensile astress; minerials disper then the factor of 115 normally assumed when no dest data are available. However, considerable scatter was obtained on the tests (1.55 to 2.22) so 1.5 mould appear to be realistic for design purposes.

(h) Fatigue Properties

The results of longitudinal fatigue tests are shown in Figure 42. The results obtained were as follows:

-	Material	Long Surface F	inish Micro-in.	Endurance Limit at 10° cycles tons/in²	Endurance Ratio
and the second	"Lower Property Level"	4/42	1/14	27,1	.0.521
and the same	"Higher Property Level"	3₺	27	33.3	0:514

The transverse surface finish of the specimens (i.e. resulting from longitudinal markings) was generally about 12 micro-in. greater than the longitudinal value.

06. NECHÁNICAL PROFERTIES AFTER "VODULUJ RECOVERY" HEAT TREATMENT

(a) Effect on Mechanical Properties

Heat treatment of DTD. 166-type materials in the range 400/550°C produces an increase in mechanical attempth and stiffness with sometimes a loss in ductility. The effect is due to a precipitation-type mechanism, and the treatment has been variously described asi-

Precipitation treatment, Rodulus Recovery treatment, or High Temperature suress-relieving.

These descriptions are synonymous, and the second is favoured at Bristol.

The improvement in moduli and strength due to this type of freatment is marked, and may be accompanied by some reduction in clongation. Information is available on the effects of the following 5 treatments:-

(1) 590°C for 4 hours: moduli and strengths are improved nearly as much as for (11), (111) and (v) treatments, with increased elongation, suggesting that the temper softening range is commencing at this temperature.

- (ii) 550°C for 4 hours: moduli and strengths are significantly improved (see Figures 6 and 7) without reduction in elongation.
- (iii) 525°C for 4 hours: although elongations tend to be slightly lower with this treatment than with (ii), the difference is not significant, so that in Figures 6 and 7 this treatment has not been differentiated from (ii).
- (iv) 500°C: there is evidence that the maximum strength increase, accompanied by the maximum reduction in elongation, occurs at 500°C, and that this temperature should be avoided.
- (v) 450°C for 2 hours: moduli and proof strengths are improved as for (ii) and (iii), but ultimate strengths tend to be somewhat higher and elompations to be somewhat lower (see Figures 6 and 7), than for (ii) and (iii).

It may also be noted that the improvements in moduli and strength were more marked in strip-rolled than in cheet-rolled material and that the large reductions in clongation appear to be confuned to sheet-rolled material.

The relation between t₁, f_t and e% after "Modulus-Recovery" is shown in Figure 8, and compared with the As-delivered properties (see Figure 3) there is again a general improvement in characteristics, particularly for strip-rolled material. It is possible that variations in chemical composition rather than the rolling method used, was responsible for the effects noted in this and the previous paragraph.

Properties in the As-delivered condition have been regarded by this Company as inadequate for structural use, and "Modulus Recovery" has been required for all material both to achieve the higher strengths and stiffnesses and to achieve less directional and compression/tension variations (see below). Experience to date suggests that the final properties being achieved are satisfactory.

"Modulus Recovery" rmst follow all forming operations other than distortion correction.

The colour of sheets after "Modulus Recovery" varies from yellow-brown to blue-brown, the blue trend increasing with increasing "Modulus Recovery" temperature and with lack of degreasing

(b) Effect on Directional Variations

From Figure 9 it can be seen that, although the material is still significantly directional, the variation is less marked than in the As-delivered condition (Figure 4).

(c) Effect on Compression/Pension Relationship

From Figure 10 it can be seen that the differences between compression and tension properties are much smaller than in the As-delivered condition (Figure 5).

(d) Scatter of Properties within a Sheet

Extensive tests within a sheet have shown that the Coefficients of Variation on tension and compression moduli in the longitudinal and transverse directions vary from 1½ to 3½, so that individual testing of sheets is a satisfactory means of control. The Coefficient of Variation on DEN numbers varied from 1½ to 2½; the direction of indentation affects DEN values in the same sense as direction of loading affects f_t values.

Tests on material given 3% tensile prestrain followed by a "Modulus Recovery" treatment have shown that the need to include forming effects when considering design strengths is not fully eliminated by introducing "Modulus Recovery": 2

- (4) longitudinal prestrain. Including the prestrain has little effect on the longitudinal tension or compression properties after "Modulus Recover".
- (ii) transverse prestrain. Including the prestrain has little effect on the transverse occupression properties after "Modulus Recovery", but the effect on the transverse tension properties is approximately to double the increases in t₁ and f_t due to "Modulus Recovery", apparently without impairing the elongation (compare Figure 14 with Figures 3 and 8).

(f) Effects of Low Temperature Treatment Prior to "Modulus Recovery"

There is some evidence to suggest that a low temperature treatment at, say, --50°C will increase the effect of a subsequent "Modulus Recovery" treatment, but it is not conclusive.

(g) Effect on Distortion

In thicker parts (16 swg., say) the distortion produced by "Modulus Recovery" is small. In thinner parts (22 swg., say), however, distortion is sufficient to require subsequent correction if serious assembly stresses are to be avoided; the effect of this correction on properties is removed by applying a second "Modulus Recovery" treatment (this second treatment usually produces some further distortion which this Company would correct without further "Modulus Recovery", accepting any resultant loss in property).

O7. FORMING

07.01 At Bristol Aircraft Ltd.

Stretch-forming was originally selected on the basis of some satisfactory operations on sheet-rolled material at the lower end of the DTD.166 strength range. However, despite extensive development trials, stretch-forming of strip-rolled material and the majority of sheet-rolled material subsequently proved impractical; this seems explicable in terms of the shapes of the stress-strain curves to failure (see Figure 2), the 'flat top' types not permitting stretch-forming.

Farnham rolling followed by wheeling has been used successfully for forming severe simple curvatures (also including slight reflex double curvatures) and does not seem to produce much change in properties. To avoid minor surface damage of the rolls which might later imprint on soft surfaces (of, e.g. aluminum alloys) it has been found antisfactory to Farnham roll DID.166-type materials between aluminum alloy sheets which protect the rolls.

Bend radii down to 2t have been produced by "rubber bolster" press forming, and by using female rubber dies in brake press forming, provided special care is exercised on tool design. Section rolling down to 2t has also been successful but only so far on a laboratory scale and has not yet been proved as a production process. Dimples can also be produced in the material, but again need special tool development.

When DID.166-type materials are worked to hardnesses in excess of 350/370 DPN (as could occur in dimpling), stress-corrision troubles are thought to be liable to occur; to avoid these possible troubles, a stress-relief (which is provided by the "Modulus Recovery" treatments) is considered to be most advisable.

07.02 At Fairey Aviation Co. Ltd.

The use of matched tools on a power press has been found necessary for producing details such as flanged ribs, but the finish is not suitable for subsequent spot welding. Normal rubber press forming techniques were inadequate for forming the material, and hand forming was not practicable in material thicker than 20 sws.

OS. WELDABILITY

08.01 Puddle Welding

The "puddle welding" process has been developed by Bristols for welding through DTD.165-type materials either into DTD.165-type or into FV.148-type materials (see para. OC: Introduction). It is an organ-are process using a tungaten electrode but not involving pressure; there is full penetration of the upper sheet by the weld pool, and partial penetration of the lower sheet by the used also for welding more than 2 sheets). The gap between the sheets at time of welding must be restricted, as increased gaps result in reduced strength; gaps of no more than 0.002 inches have been required by Bristols, and they necessitate both accurate forming before welding and stiff jigs with power-holding. Individual welds are used rather than continuous runs, to reduce distortions.

"Fuddle welds" have shown good shear strength and consistency and tension strengths of the same order. There appears to be considerable energy absorption at failure, when the weld nugget is generally pulled out from a sheet. Heat treatment after welding has not been considered necessary.

Inspection of welds by radiography is often difficult, due to:-

- (i) accessibility problems, and
- (ii) difficulties of interpretation e.g. cracks can be detected but inadequate penetration is not shown up.

It has been found, however, that visual examination of the back of the weld provides an excellent means of identifying bad welds (the back of the reld shows coloured zones produced by oxide films of varying thickness); a reweld procedure has been developed to permit repair.

One batch of sheet-rolled DTD.166-type material was found to exhibit abnormal welding characteristics; tests on several hundred other sheet-rolled and strip-rolled batches have not reproduced this condition (neither have batches specially manufactured to check extremes of chemical composition). However, all material is now checked on receipt to ensure normal welding characteristics.

08:02 Spot Welding

Test data have been obtained by Faireys on the spot welding of both the "Lower Property Level Naterial" (DID.166) and the "Higher Property Level Naterial" (FSIS.183). Although the

interpretation of the results is, as they emphasise, complicated by variations in the welding process, the following conclusions have been drawn:-

- (a) Although P₃/t of about 35,000 lb./in. was obtained with DID.166, only 20,000/25,000 lb./in. was obtained with FSIS.183.
- (b) Tension strengths were slightly higher than shear strengths.
- (c) The presence of a spot weld reduced the static proof and ultimate strengths of the basic sheet materials by up to 10%, and the endurance limit at 10 x 10⁵ cycles by some 10% to 20%.
- (d) Shear tests in fatigue P (1 ± ½) produced failure at 10 x 105 cycles when P = 5% neon statue failing load in DTD.166 and 15% nean static failing load in FSIS.183.
- (e) More limited evidence suggests that tension tests in fatigue P (1 ± ½) produced failure at 10 x 10 cycles when P was about 2% to 4% of the mean static failing lead.

09. CORROSION RESISTANCE

At worst only slight local pitting was found by Farreys when samples of DTD.166 material were exposed for 150 days either to local industrial atmosphere or to twice-daily intermittent salt spray corrosion conditions.

10. CONCLUSION

Although further information is still required for all the implications of the use of DDD.165-type sneet materials for aircraft structural uses to be fully evaluated, present data suggest that these materials may have considerable advantages for certain types of application.

TABLE 1 CHENICAL COMPOSITION OF DTD. 166-TYPE MATERIALS

	Content : %					
Element	. DID.166B		S.520 and	FSIS.183	BAC. A. 1038	
	Min.	lax.	Lin.	Max.	Min.	Yax.
Carbon	-	0.25	-	0.16	-	0.15
Chronium	12.00	-	16.0	20.0	17.0	19.0
Nickel	6.0	20.0	7.0	12.0	7.0	10.0
Silicon	0.20	-	0.20	-	0.20	1.0
Manganese	-	1.00	-	1.0	-	1.0
Sulphur	-	0.05	-	0.045	-	0.045
Phosphorus		0.05	-	0.045	-	0.045
Titanium	optional	-	5 x C*	} -	5 x C	-
Nicbium	optional	-	10 x 0 M	-	-	-
Tungsten	optional	-	optional	-	-	-
Lolybdenum	optional	~	optional	-	-	-
Tentalum	-	-	optional	-	l -	-
Copper	optional	-	optional	-	-	-
Vanadium	cptional	-	optional	-	-	-

In S.520 the titanium and niobium additions are alternatives.

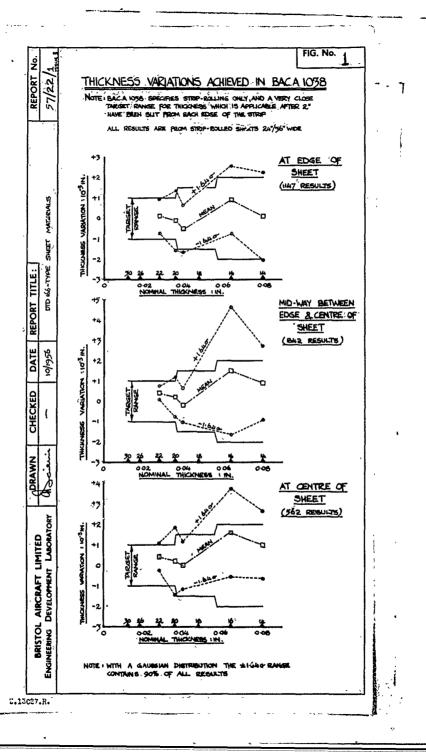
- Notes 1. It has been suggested by Firta-Vickers that manganese contents of all MD. 166-type materials should be increased from 1% to 2% max. It is considered that this change (which could permit a reduction in nickel content) should not cause much change in mechanical properties, other than increasing the t1/ft ratio in the heavily cold--oraed condition. Bristols, however, resisted the proposal for special applications because of the volume of check testing involved. Another user also resisted the proposal because, in applications where contact with hydrogen peroxide might occur, the higher monganese content might be unacceptable.
 - 2. So far as is known, nicbium has only recently ocen used extensively in this country instead of titanium for stabilising DID. 166-type materials against seld decay. However, Firth-Vickers are intending to use nichium instead of titanium in the future for ge ral manufacture because of the improvement in surface finish which would result; it is expected that this would not result in any changes in basic mechanical properties, but the response of niobium-stabilised material to "todulus Recovery" is not known. It is believed that attempts in the U.S.A. some years ago to use nicbium instead of titanium led to some form of trouble but no direct evidence has been found.

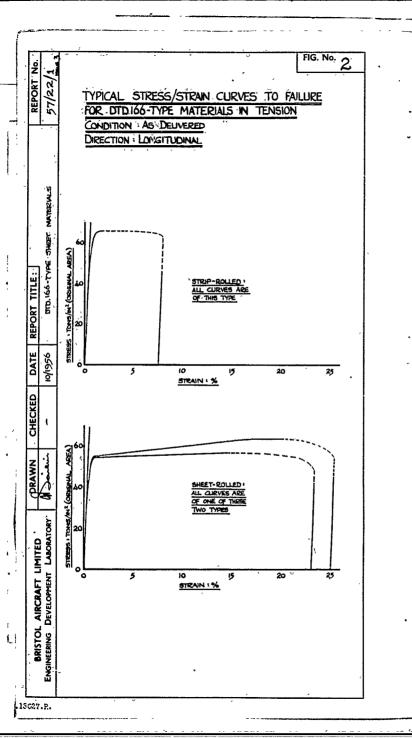
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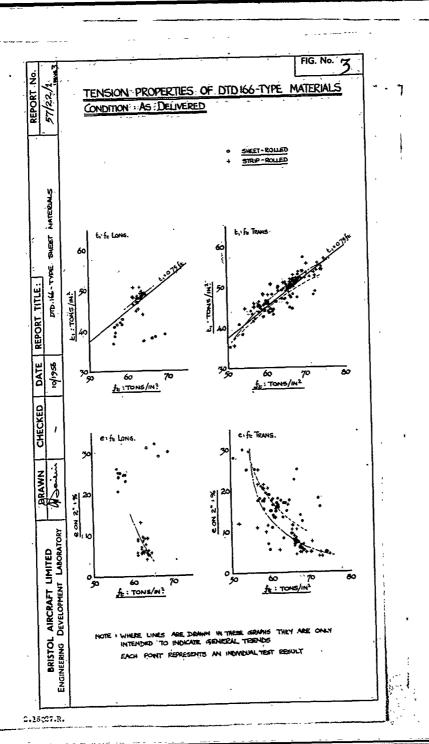
SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS IN BAC.A. SPECIFICATIONS FOR DTD. 136-TYPS MATERIAL

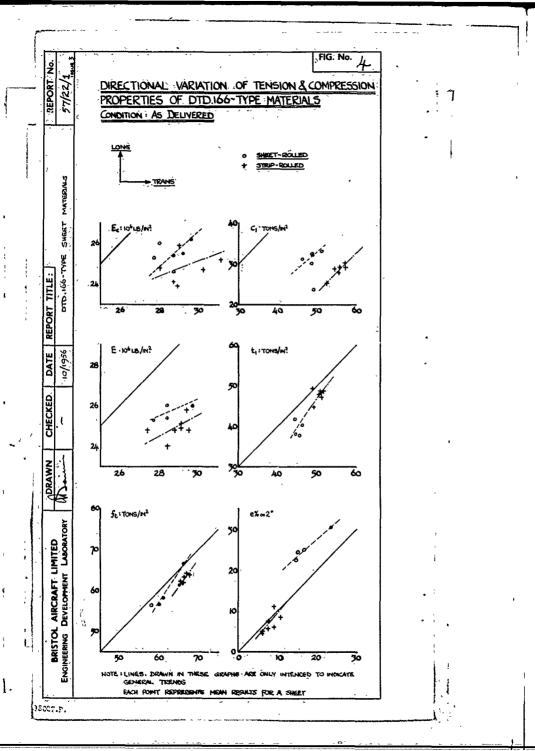
· Application	Specification	Special Requirements
Purchase from Firth-Vickers	BAC. A. 1038	1. Chemical commosition restricted to selected manufacturers' range.
		 Only strip-rolled; sheet rolling prohibited.
		3. Close thickness tolerance control.
		4. High mechanical properties.
		5. Elongation values to be obtained for material 12 swg. and thinner.
		6. Blank material required with each "parcel" for subsequent testing by user.
Aircraft use	BAO. A. 1021	1. Conversion from E.C. 1. 1038 only.
		2. additional thickness tolerance control.
		3. Material .equires "Modulus Recovery" heat treatment (one of two types to be selected) after major forming but before assembly; systemens for checking properties "ther heat treatment extracted longitudinally.
		4. En requirement after "Modulus Ancovery".
		5. i.j.her t, and f; requirements after "Esdulus Recovery" (t;/f; = 3 = aircraft proof/ultimate ratio).
		6. 6% elongation requirement after "Modulus Recovery".
		7. Puddle-meldability demonstrated by shear and mrising tests.
	BAC.A. 1061	all requirements of BAC.a. 1021 except '4'
(on-aircraft use (e.g. models)	B&C. A. 1022	1. Conversion from EAC1038 only.
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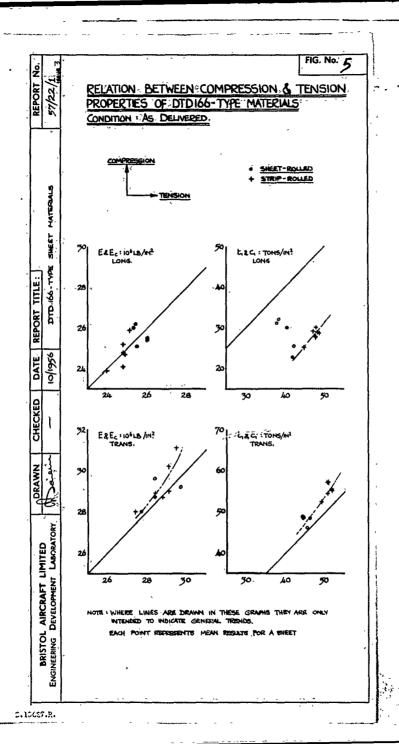
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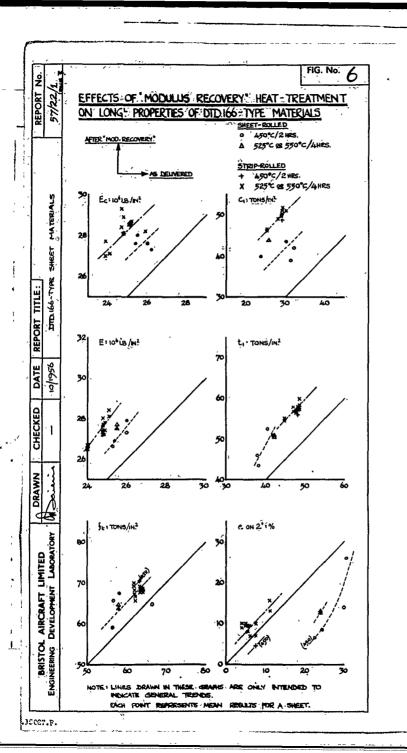


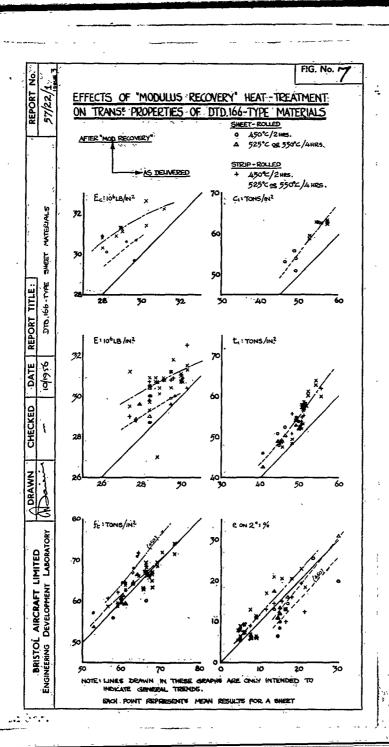


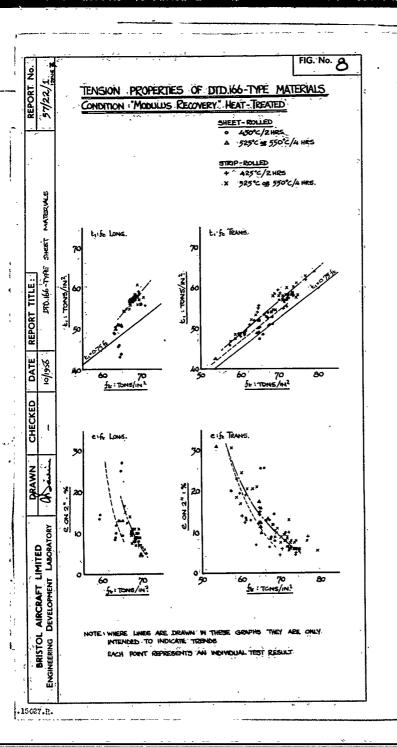


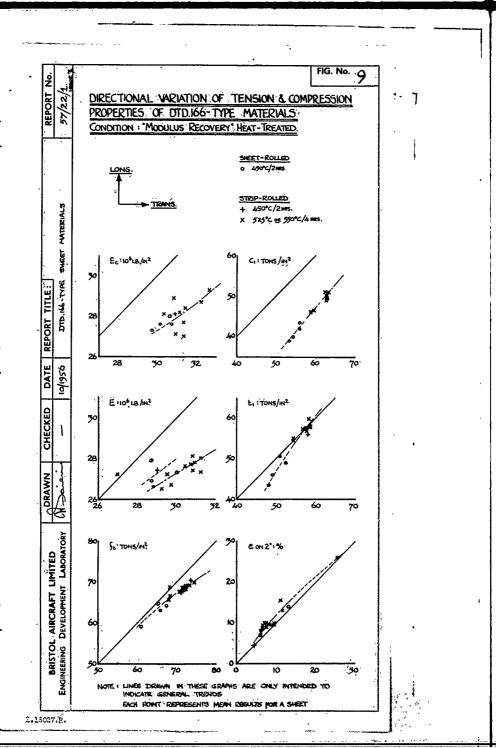


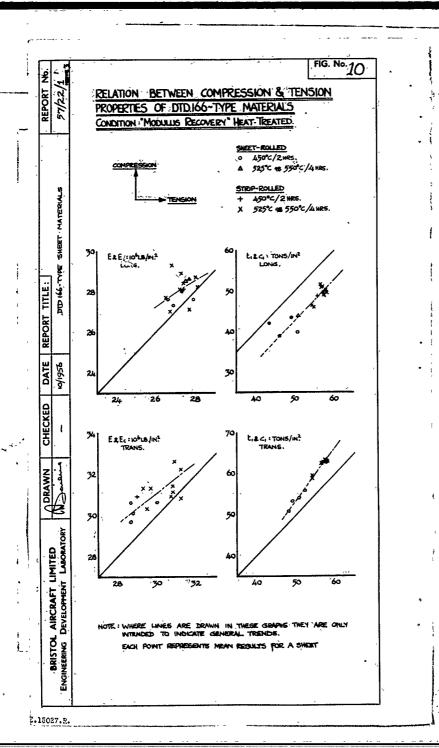


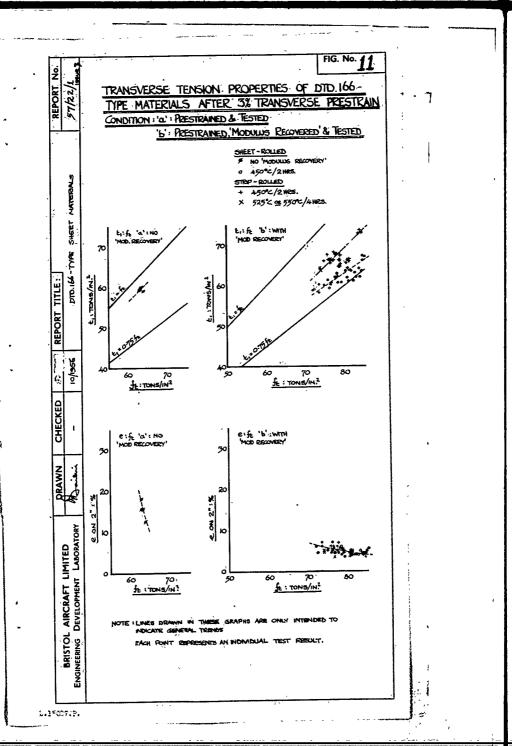


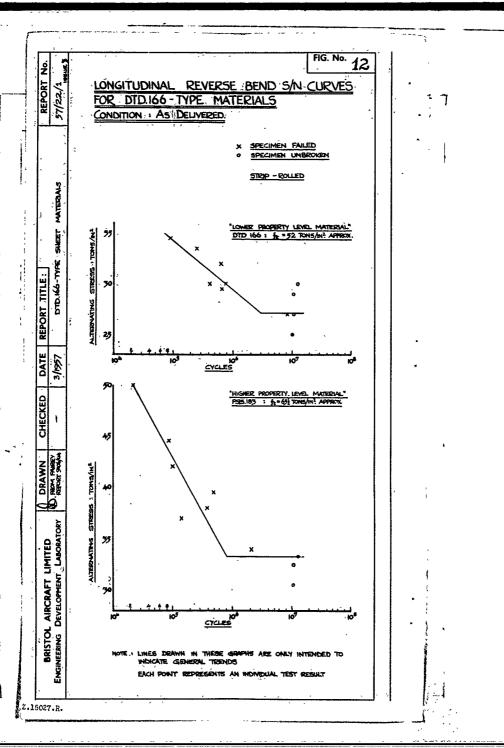














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